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1. AS STATED IN ATHENS 3751-C, WE ARE FORWARDING, IN A
SEPARATE MESSAGE, BASIC BIO DATA ON TWO CANDIDATES FOR
THE 1976 IOWA INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM IN THE EVENT
FUNDS REMAIN AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR FROM OUR OWN
OR OTHER BUDGETS. INASMUCH AS IOWA WISHES TO AVOID A
BUDDING DISAGREEMENT OVER THE CHOICE OF ONLY ONE OF THE
TWO CANDIDATES, IT HAS OFFERED TO PAY \$2000 FOR THANASSIS
VALTINOS AND ONE MONTH FOR THEOPHILOS FRANGOPOULOS. TO
THIS IOWA WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL FIFTH MONTH OF PER DIEM
AT NO CHARGE TO US AND FULBRIGHT WOULD PAY THE ENTER
NATIONAL TRAVEEL. THAT BEING SO, WE COULD SENT TWO
GRANTEES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. WE, THEREFORE, REQUEST
THAT YOU APPROVE THE CANDIDATES IN PRINCIPLE PENDING CU
CALCULATIONS ON FUNDS REMAINING AT END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

2. THANASSIS VALTINOS, BORN 1932 IN KASTRI KYNOURIAS,
ARCADIA, GREECE. STUDIED SCREEN-PLAY WRITING AND
DIRECTING IN ATHENS. HE IS WELL KNOWN NOVELIST DOING
THE THIRD VOLUME OF HIS TRILOGY "CHRONICLE OF ANDREAS
KORDHOPATIS", WHICH TAKES PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES.
VALTINOS WAS THE RECEIPT OF AN IVP GRANT ON AUG 3, 1973,
WHICH HE DECLINED BECAUSE OF OTHER PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS
AT THAT TIME.

3. THEOPHILOS FRANGOPOULOS, BORN IN ATHENS ON JUNE 15, 1923,
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STUDIED LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS, AND BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. HE IS
WELL KNOWN AUTHOR, CRITIC AND LECTURER, COMPLETING A MANUSCRIPT
ON THE INFLUENCES OF MODER AMERICAN POETRY ON MODERN GREEK POETRY.
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